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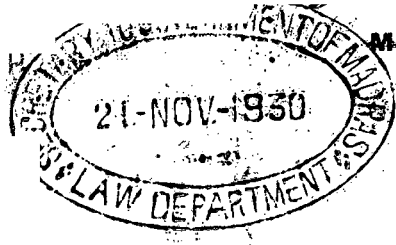

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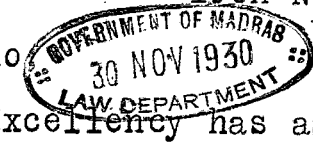

Dear Mr. Rama Rao,

His Excellency has asked me to send you for examination the enclosed representation which was handed to him in person during his tour in the South Kanara Dt. last month. He would like to see the papers in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Rv. Rai Bahadur U. Rama Rao Avl.,

Secretary to Government,

Law & Education Department,

Fort St. George.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNER OF MADRAS.

From

The Parishioners of the Syrian Church,

B R A H M A W A R.

May it please your Excellency:-

With due respect and decorum, we the - -- parishioners of the above said Church beg leave to - approach Your Excellency with the following for kind consideration and favourable disposal.

At the very out-set, we have to thank Your Excellencies for the rare honour today Your Excellencies have done to us by this visit. As though to enhance our joy today strange Providenc has brought into our midst quite unthought of. His Holiness Moran Mar Basalios Catholicos of the East the supreme ecclesiastical head of our Church. Indeed we regard this a red letter day, in the annals of our Mission here. Though the external manifest--ations of our greetings be poor and humble, yet we assure Your Excellencies of our high esteem and true respect.

The Syrian Church at Malabar, as Your - Excellencies well know, traces its origin from St: Thomas. It is the only Apostolic Church established in India soon after the time of our Lord Saviour. But it too had its own share of the CROSS. Placed as it were in the midst of fanaticism and begotry

it had to struggle hard for its very exis nce. its fight for self-defence was so keen that i could not send out its Missionaries abroad till the ater - - - decades of the last century.

It is now more than forty years ince the - Syrian Mission from Malabar had begun its ork here. It was really in the literal sense of the postolic - instruction that the originators had to up the task. With neither purse nor staff they ntered - - the field And the mother Church at Malabs could not render any substantial help. Those few ople we - had at the beginning were not in any way tter than day labourers. To crown all we were bes ted with - keen opposition and dire persecution at e ry step of our onward move. In face of all these set backs the initiators pushed on with courage and earnestness.

Now the Church has within its fold nearly three thousand souls. It pains us to say that even now the pecuniary condition of the people is really - pitiable. Excepting for one or two houses, all the rest are leading only a hand to mouth living. They are only the poor tenants of the big Hindu land-lords in the locality so much so that they are not in a - - position to lift themselves up from their extreme - - poverty. The people as a whole are illiterate Their eyes are not yet opened to the utility of education. The very few who would like to send their children to school cannot afford to do so for want of pecuniary help.

One of the most important work of the

mission here was the putting up of a school. Inspite of our streneous efforts we were not able to raise it up even to a secondary school. It is still run only as a Higher lementary. If we were able to impart at least Secondary ducation to our children we think they would have been ade more competent to face the battle of life. Even in his line we are thwarted with difficulties. Lack of - - onetary help is the most discouraging factor. We find it xtremely difficult to bring it up to the standard of - - fficiency required by a Secondary or a High School. And or the proper and successful discharge of our missionary uties a school is quite indispensable. Especially our work among the depressed classes like Panchamas necessiates a - good school.

The Church itself has not yet become self - - supporting. The few acres of land it possesses are neither fertile nor arable. We are still in the hands of the - - - philanthropic public for our maintenance and up-keeping. If only we could acquire some fertile lands we would have been much helped.

Therefore our humble request is that Your - - Excellencies should be kind enough to do some substantial - - and lasting help for the welfare and progress of our mission here. If Your Excellencies be good enough to help us to - raise the status of our school and to establish ourselves on a more solid foundation here we will ever feel highly obliged and grateful and the hearty prayers of nearly three thousand souls will rise up to Heaven for the health, happiness and long life of Your Excellencies.

Before closing we have to ask Your Excellencies

pardon for this intrusion of ours on your busy time.
With prayers that God may shower upon Your Excellencies
His choisest blessings and that He may grant Your
Excellencies a successful and prosperous career here and
a safe and happy voyage home

We beg to remain,

y it please your Excellencies

Your Excellencies' most obedient servants.

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There are no papers in the Secretariat about the raising of the status of the higher elementary school maintained by the memorialists to a secondary school. The D.P.I. may be requested to furnish particulars about the school and also to offer his remarks on the request in the memorial.

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In January 1929, the D.E.O., South Kanara, submitted proposals from the Correspondent for converting the elementary school into a secondary school. As it was represented that Brahmavar lay between Udipi and Coondapur, both of which could be reached only by means of a ferry, and as the D.P.I. was convinced of the need for a secondary school in the locality permission was granted to the conversion of the elementary classes into secondary classes. The secondary school was later recognised temporarily up to the end of 1929-30 subject to the condition that the staff was improved and equipment was provided to the satisfaction of the D.E.O. The D.E.O. was also requested to report on the suitability of the accommodation. So far as it could be ascertained from the plan, the building was found to be quite unsuitable for use as a school.

When further recognition was applied for by the correspondent

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the correspondent it was observed that the management had done nothing to improve the condition of the school. In fact the condition of the school became worse and its condition may be judged from the appended report of the D.E.O. Further recognition was therefore refused.

If the Higher Elementary school is to be raised to the status of a secondary school, a considerable sum would be required.

I may add that the strength at last inspection (August) had gone down from 78 to 66. of whom only 42 were in Forms I to III i.e. too few to allow of teaching grant under the revised rule 23 Grant-in-Aid Code contemplated by Government.

In this area there is the conflict of Syria

Copy of letter R.C.No.746/30 dated 18th August 19[illegible] from the D.E.O., South Kanara.

The inspection of the Cosmopolitan Secondary School, Brahmavar has just been completed and I have the honour to submit the following special report as required in your Proceedings quoted above.

2. The continuance of recognition was made conditional on the improvement of staff, equipment and accommodation.

Staff:- The only trained teacher is the Drawingmaster. The Headmaster who is supposed to be on the staff and drawing a salary of Rs.[illegible]5/- is non-existent. Hence it must be said that there is no suitable staff at all.

Accommodation:-The school-house consists of a long hall 70½' X 13' with two verandahs on either side - 10 ft wide. The school-house is dark and dingy. Substantial partitions sufficient to deaden sound and prevent one class from being disturbed by another do not exist. The proposal of the Correspondent to add to this another block half a furlong away is not worth any serious consideration (1) because the lower standards will have to be provided with a building and it is not known where they will be housed and (2) because it would be difficult to supervise the two blocks separated by a coconut plantation. There are also no latrines or urinals worth mentioning.

Equipment:- The school does not possess any dual desks nor the least article of apparatus for Science work, nor any maps other than those of South Kanara and India. A copy of the Correspondent's letter enclosed herewith will substantiate the statement that the equipment is practically nil.

Registers:-The necessary registers are not maintained. The few that are kept, are kept so badly that they are worse than useless. The cash book is submitted as a sample.

Library:-Consists of 264 old, worm-eaten volumes fit only to be thrown away.

3. In these circumstances, it is clear that no improvement has been effected and the school does not deserve continuance of recognition. The recognition may, therefore, be withdrawn. The

correspondent

correspondent will be advised to run his school once again as a Higher Elementary school.

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Please see the Director's no reply on pp 6-7 ante which contains full particulars about the school in question. In the circumstances stated by the Director there does not seem to be a case for raising the status of the school. The papers may be ~~submitted~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to H. ell. ell$_3$ and H.E. the Governor.

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73. The School requires [illegible] every direction before it can be made a Secondary School. It does not therefore seem possible to raise its status now ab